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2002 CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF 4-H

From Ms. Vickie

Hope that you had a great year in 2001 and are looking forward to a wonderful 2002. There are lots of 4-H activities coming up, so read on and plan to participate in those that will benefit you.

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4-H Calendar

Attached is a copy of the 4-H Calendar. Please post it where you can refer to it. Highlight or make a note of those special 4-H activities that you want to participate in. Remember to check the 4-H Calendar each month for changes and/or additions to the calendar.



It's on again and everyone is **invited to attend!** 4-H Awards Night will be held on **Friday, February 8th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm** at the County Auditorium in Milton. This will be a special celebration of the 100th birthday of 4-H and recognition of Santa Rosa County 4-H members. The 4-H Office will provide meat, baked beans, rolls, beverages and dessert. 4-H families are asked to bring a side dish. To ensure that we have enough food and party favors, **please call the 4-H Office to RSVP by Monday, February 4th.**

This event is for all 4-H members, leaders, parents and supporters. Please come and help us celebrate.

Bring a Book to Awards Night

What is a birthday party without presents? As a special celebration the Teen Council is requesting that every 4-H member who attends 4-H Awards Night please bring a new or slightly used children's book to the party. The books will be collected and distributed to support literacy education projects.



The new State 4-H Project is Literacy Education. All 4-H members and clubs are encouraged to participate in a project or activity that promotes literacy education. What can you or your club do? Read to others, children and adults. Help others learn to read. Help out at the library. Collect books and donate to others who need them.



Power of Youth Pledge

An important part of the 4-H Centennial Celebration is the "Power of Youth Pledge Campaign." 4-H members, leaders, parents and supporters are being encouraged to volunteer to improve their communities. On the last page of the newsletter is a copy of the "Power of Youth Pledge." **Please complete and return this form to your 4-H Leader or to the 4-H Office by February 8th and you could win a 4-H Garfield.**

Everyone can do something to help others or their community. Seventeen youth and adults pledged over 500 hours of community service during the Santa Rosa County Youth Conversation. What will you do?

Discovering 4-H

Want to know about 4-H? What projects are available? What do 4-H members do? What are the opportunities for 4-H members? How can I have fun in 4-H? How can I help others in 4-H?

A Discovering 4-H – Expo and Fun Day is a special day of 4-H workshops and activities for all 4-H members and youth interested in joining 4-H. It is planned for **Monday, February 18th from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm** at the County Auditorium. This is a school holiday so you can spend the day learning more about 4-H and having fun with your friends. **Cost of the event will be \$5.00 per participant.** Lunch, snacks and lots of hands on activities are planned. Pre-registration is requested. **Please call the 4-H Office by Monday, February 11th if you plan to participate.**



Win a 4-H Garfield

Return your "Power of Youth Pledge" (located on the back of your newsletter) to be entered in a drawing for a 4-H Garfield or Centennial Garfield T-Shirt. Prizes will be awarded to one Cloverbud, Junior and Senior 4-H member and also to one adult. **Pledge forms must be returned to the 4-H Office by Friday, February 8th.**

Centennial Celebration in 2002 100 years of 4-H

Youth Conversation A Success

On December 7th over 80 Santa Rosa County youth and adults participated in a conversation to discuss "In the next 3 to 5 years what are the most important actions that we can take to create the future we want for our youth, ourselves, and our community?" Congressman Jeff Miller attended and provided a message of encouragement and appreciation for youth.

A report with the results and recommended actions has been developed and will be presented to local leaders. The results have also been posted to the National 4-H Centennial website and can be viewed at www.4hcentennial.org.



2002 4-H Bears

The State 4-H Council is selling limited edition 2002 4-H Bears.

This fund raiser will support the State 4-H Council and Literacy Education Project Mini Grants.

The bears cost \$10.00 if you are interested in buying a bear, please contact Ms. Vickie.

LOOKING AND PLANNING AHEAD

County Events

County Events will be held on **Friday, April 12th from 5:00 – 9:30 pm at PJC Milton Campus**. Start making plans now to participate. Remember, **every 4-H member Cloverbuds, Juniors and Seniors should do something at County Events**. Categories for Cloverbuds include: Show and Tell/Share, project displays, project exhibit, poster art, photography. Categories for Junior and Senior members include: Demonstrations, Public Speaking, Fashion Revue Construction, Fashion Revue Selection, Share the Fun Talent Show, Poster Art Contest, Photography Contest, Dairy Poster Contest and Automotive Driving for 4-H members age 15 and up.

County Events Workshop

Don't know what or how to do something for County Events? Then plan on attending the **County Events workshop, which will be held on Monday, March 11th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the County Auditorium**.



4-H Congress

Want to spend a week at the University of Florida this summer? Then start planning now! Senior 4-H members who participate in County Events can advance on to District and State Events which will be held during **Florida 4-H Congress July 22-26 at UF in Gainesville**.

Also, in celebration of the 4-H Centennial there will be a day during Congress that Cloverbud and Junior 4-H members may attend for special activities. We hope to have a group or busload to attend. However, those who attend must participate in County and District Events.



Project Books— Record Books and Portfolios

Are you confused by the paperwork in 4-H? Do you wonder why it is necessary? Then you need to attend the **4-H Record Book and Portfolio Workshop Monday, March 11th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the County Auditorium**. All questions will be answered and you will learn why and how to complete the 4-H Record Book and Portfolios.



Summer Camps

Our date is set! **Santa Rosa County 4-Hers will be camping the week of May 27-31**. If you want to attend as a camper or counselor mark this on your calendar. Information and registration forms for camp will become available in March.

There will be several other 4-H Camps available too for summer fun. Check the calendar for the dates for Horse Camp, Forestry Camp and Marine Science Camp.

Remember to check-out and read over your newsletter each month for information on camps and other activities.



Area A Horse Show

The Area A Horse Show will be held **Friday and Saturday March 15th and 16th in Marianna**. Registration forms are available from your leader or the 4-H Office. **All forms and fees must be returned to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, February 12th**.



What about College and Career

It's never too early to start planning for college and a career. 4-H can help!

Parents and leaders who want to learn more about how 4-H can help their children plan and earn money for college and/or careers should attend the **"4-H for Adults Only"**. The 4-H Volunteer Leader and Parent Conference will include a seminar with important information on how 4-H can benefit your child. **"4-H for Adults Only"** will be held on **Saturday, February 9th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**. Check out the article in this newsletter for more information.

Youth who want to know how 4-H can help them with money and plans for college and a career should plan to attend the Discovering 4-H Expo and Workshop to be held on **Monday, February 18th from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the County Auditorium**.

TEEN TIME NEWS

Teen Council Meeting

The Teen Council will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday, January 23 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm at the 4-H Office**. We will be planning the upcoming 4-H Awards Banquet. All teens are invited to join the Teen Council: it's an excellent way to use and develop your leadership skills.



Congressional Medal Award Workshop

A workshop on applying for the Congressional Medal will be held on **Wednesday, January 23 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm at the 4-H Office**. All youth who are working on the Congressional Medal Award should attend. Any youth who would like to apply for Congressional Medal Award or who is interested in obtaining more information is invited to attend.

District Council Meeting

District 14-H Council will be held on **Tuesday, January 29th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, in Crestview**. If you are interested in attending please call Ms. Vickie to make arrangements for a ride and meeting location. All District Council, County Council, and Teen Council members are encouraged to attend.

Also, any 4-H member who is interested in 4-H District or State Leadership activities should attend. Call for more information



Teen Court Teen Court Needs You

Teen Court is in need of volunteers. Teens who will serve as jurors, attorneys, clerks and bailiffs are needed at every session of Teen Court.

If you are interested in learning about the justice system (career in law, criminal justice, or social work) you will find Teen Court an excellent opportunity to learn by doing. If you want to help make a difference in the lives of others or participate in a community service activity, then Teen Court is an excellent opportunity for you to help "make the best better."

Teen Court is held most every Monday night from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, usually at the County Courthouse in Milton (**see the 4-H calendar for dates and location**.) You do Not have to attend every Monday to be a Teen Court volunteer.

Teen Court Training

Want to be a Teen Court volunteer but not sure what to do? Already a volunteer but want to learn how to be a more effective attorney? Attend the **Teen Court Training to be held on Monday, January 28th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm at the County Auditorium in Milton**.

This training is for middle and high school age youth and adults who are interested in learning more about the Teen Court program and/or improve their skills. Workshops will be offered for both beginning and advanced Teen Court volunteers.

There is **no cost to participate** in this training. However, **please call the 4-H Office at 623-3868 by Friday, January 25th** to pre-register so that we will have enough materials and refreshments on hand.



Citizenship Club Meeting

The next 4-H Citizenship Club meeting will be held prior to the **Teen Court Training on Monday, January 28th from 4:00 – 4:30 pm** at the County Auditorium in Milton. All 4-H Citizenship Club members are encouraged to attend. Members will be assisting with the Teen Court Training and will be planning the field trip to Tallahassee for **4-H Day in the Legislature on Tuesday, February 19th**.

The 4-H Citizenship Club is open to all middle and high school age youth.

See the Legislature Upclose

The 4-H Citizenship Club and other interested Teen 4-H'ers will be making a field trip on Tuesday, **February 19th to Tallahassee**. They will observe the Florida Legislature in session, participate in a Mock Supreme Court Trial and tour other historical sites.

Cost to participate trip is \$10.00. **Spaces are limited** and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. 4-H Citizenship Club members will be given preference.

We will travel by charter bus with Escambia County 4-H'ers. We will leave about 4:00 am and will return about 8:00 pm. If you have questions or need more information please call Ms Vickie or Ms. Angela.

4-H State Legislature will be July 8-12th in Tallahassee. Cost will be about \$175.00. Start saving your money.



SWAT

4-H members are encouraged to join Students Working Against Tobacco and/or participate in SWAT activities. There are several SWAT meetings and events coming up. The next SWAT county-wide meeting will be: **Tuesday, February 12th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Santa Rosa Health Department.** For more information about SWAT contact Shannon Rigsby, Anti-Tobacco Coordinator at 983-5200.



Camp Fire USA Teen Board

The local Camp Fire USA organization is forming a Teen Council Board for Santa Rosa and Escambia County Teens and is seeking teens from other organizations for input. If you are interested in developing your leadership skills and/or sharing the teen perspective this would be a great place to start. The group will meet 4 – 8 times per year. We encourage 4-H members to collaborate with other organizations. **Call Dusty Harris at 476-1760 for more information and an application. Applications are due February 21st.**

Camp Fire USA Town Hall Meeting

If you enjoyed the Santa Rosa County Youth Conversation you might enjoy the Camp Fire USA Town Hall meeting that will be held on **Monday, February 4th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Hagler Auditorium PJC Pensacola Campus.** All youth are invited to attend and participate in this interactive national meeting.

4-H for Parents and Leaders



4-H For Adults Only

A special conference for 4-H volunteer leaders and parents will be held on **Saturday, February 9th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the County Auditorium in Milton.** This conference is designed to help adults understand the 4-H program so that they and their children can obtain the greatest benefit from the 4-H program.

Workshops and seminars will be conducted on “The 4-H Club,” “4-H Projects,” “Why 4-H,” “Community Service and 4-H” and “What Does a 4-H Parent Do.” A share fair will allow participants to learn about a variety of different activities, projects and opportunities in 4-H. A panel of 4-H alumni, parents, and leaders will share their experiences in 4-H.

This conference is **designed for all 4-H club leaders and parents** and for those who are considering 4-H as an activity for their child. Please invite anyone that you think might be interested.

Cost to participate in the Conference is \$5.00, which includes morning and afternoon snacks and lunch.

We request that participants please pre-register by Monday, February 4th. Call the 4-H office 623-3868 to pre-register.

What Do Youth Want?

The Santa Rosa County Youth Conversation was an interactive discussion of youth and adults about the actions that need to be taken to help our youth and communities. Over 100 actions were identified by the group.

The top five actions identified by Santa Rosa County Youth are:

- Provide safe and clean places in every community 1) for youth to meet for clubs and activities, and 2) for youth to “hang-out”, socialize and enjoy being with their friends.
- Provide abstinence-based sex education programs for middle school age youth.
- Use the media to publicize youth involvement and positive youth stories (other than sports)
- Involve youth in community issues by developing a Teen Advisory Board which can interact and provide a youth perspective to public officials, politicians and community leaders.
- Help youth deal with stress through providing resources such as teen hot lines, peer and professional counseling, mentoring and educational programs on stress management.

These are the issues that you might want to discuss with your child and or 4-H Club members. 4-H offers many programs and opportunities that can help us to take the actions that have been identified.

To learn more about how 4-H affects these issues, please attend:

**For Adults Only
4-H Volunteer Leader & Parents
Conference
Saturday, February 9th**



MAKING WAVES IN 4-H



Happy New Year 4-H'ers!

2002 looks to be a busy year for marine activities!

We are in the beginning stages of an oyster gardening project. We plan to collect "spat" (the microscopic larval stage of oysters) from the wild on "oyster strings." This will be an exciting project and there will be plenty of opportunities for 4-H involvement if you are interested! There are many upcoming events that some of you maybe interested in participating. (see below.)

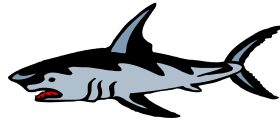
If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in any of these activities, please contact me at the extension office! Have a great new year.

Chris Verlinde
Marine Agent— Santa Rosa County

- **The Seagrass Awareness Celebration** will be held March 16 at Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze.



- A huge **Earth Day** event (April 21, 22, & 23) will be held in Okaloosa County at the Mullet Festival Fairgrounds. This event is sponsored by Eglin Air Force Base and Colonel Newberry would like this event to set records, as they are expecting to bus 12,000 students to the event and have more than 200 displays!



- **Marine and natural resources** activities will be included at the 4-H expo in Feb. Come and learn about exciting opportunities in Marine Science and natural resources.



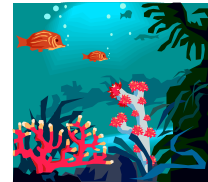
- We are re-establishing the **Adopt-a-shore Program**. This is a certified program where groups can adopt a mile of shoreline (this includes shoreline along all waterbodies, not just the coast!), and agree to clean it up 4 times a year. We will provide certificates of recognition for your efforts.
- **The Pensacola Junior College (PJC) 14th annual Forestry Conclave** will be held at the PJC Milton Campus on March 2. This is a really fun event that includes lots of natural resource information and activities. Forestry activities are also a highlight, including events like knife and hatchet throwing, log splitting and more.



- **An Environmental Education (EE) Institute** will be held in March at Camp Timpoochee. This will be a great opportunity for leaders to collect a variety of EE information and activity ideas.



- **Don't forget the Santa Rosa Rivers Clean-ups** will be held during the month of June. Canoes will be offered to those willing to clean up local rivers and creeks.



- There will be 3 **Marine Science Camps** offered at Camp Timpoochee in July!